

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

EA Number: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0012-EA

Serial/Case File No. AZA-036195

BLM Office: Tucson Field Office

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I have reviewed the environmental assessment (EA), # DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0012-EA, dated May 15, 2013, prepared for the Altar Resources Partnership - Babo Mine Plan of Operation submitted February 20, 2013, and have found through the EA that there are no potentially significant environmental impacts caused by the proposed project. I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures listed below will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the Phoenix Resource Management Plan approved in Record of Decision dated September 1989.

Below are the substantive reasons for finding no significant impact:

The proposed drilling activities would use a small tracked drill rig, minimizing impacts to vegetation.

The access route utilizes existing roads and a reclaimed dozer trail.

The attached effects determination found that the proposed mining activities with the addition of mitigation measures including the removal of proposed night operations would likely have no effect on the jaguar or jaguar habitat.

Attachments: NEPA#: DOI-BLM-AZ-G020-2013-0012-EA

/S/ Brian Bellew
Brian Bellew, Field Manager

May 20, 2013
Date